

Dear Partners,

Please find the final FY 2007 USAID Guidelines and Procedures for International Food Relief Partnership (IFRP) transportation and distribution applications on the FFP Website. As many of you know, on November 15, 2006, USAID published draft guidelines in the Federal Register for public comment. We received feedback from fourteen organizations. All of the comments were read and considered carefully, and most are reflected in the final Guidelines. More specifically, based on the comments:

- The number of IFRP application cycles will be increased from one to two in FY 2007, with the possibility of additional cycles in future years.
- The IFRP proposal review period will be decreased in length, and applicants will be notified of award decisions within sixty (60) days of submission deadline.
- USAID will not place strict limitations on the number of IFRP awards per PVO. If, however, the number of proposals submitted exceeds available funding, USAID may limit the number of awards to any one organization.
- USAID will not impose geographic limitations on IFRP programs.
- To permit flexibility to respond to emergencies, a new provision will be added to grants allowing 25% of commodities to be diverted to address new emergency needs without the requirement of a grant modification, but with notification to USAID.
- USAID does not expect to receive complex, extensive proposals. As in prior years, proposal content is expected to remain brief, not exceeding ten (10) pages.
- Rather than requiring Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreements (NICRA) from organizations currently without a NICRA, USAID will accept appropriate documentation supporting proposed indirect cost rates in proposal budgets.
- IFRP grant recipients will not be required to complete the Standardized Annual Performance Questionnaire (SAPQ).

The final guidelines and procedures have been submitted to the Federal Register.

We greatly appreciate your interest in the IFRP program, and look forward to receiving your proposals in the coming months. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Benjamin Vogler at 202-712-1827 (bvogler@usaid.gov) or Ms. Bobbi Kraham at 202-712-1809 (bkraham@usaid.gov).

Sincerely,
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